(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Achievements of Frankfurt Book Fair

886. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the results achieved from India's participation in the recent Frankfurt Book Fair, where India was the main theme with special reference to (a) export orders booked, including the number of titles, and the total value, (b) import orders in terms of number of titles and total value, (c) the number of joint publishing agreements reached and (d) the number of translation and reprinting agreements reached;

(b) what are the details of (i) the number of Indian books displayed and (ii) Composition of the delegation to the Fair both (a) Official, (b) Self-sponsored, including the details of number of (a) authors, (b) printers, (c) publishers and (d) government officials in the official delegation; and

(c) what is the number of business meetings organised between the foreign buyers and members of the Indian delegation during the Fair?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (c) The goodwill, publicity and commercial benefits to India as a result of the celebrations of the various events as a part of 'India—Change in Continuity' as the focal theme of Frankfurt Book Fair, 1986, cannot be measured in tangible terms. India's participation in the Book Fair and various cultural events were extensively covered by press, radio and television of the Federal Republic of Germany. Indian publishing industry received unparalleled exposure among readers, scholars librarians, journalists, publishers, book sellers and printers of the world. It is too early to assess total commercial benefits, as fine settlement of trade terms, royalty, copyright permission, etc. takes time. A large number of business meetings were held between the foreign buyers and private publishers and members of the Indian delegation. From the preliminary reports received from officials and some leading publishers, it is estimated that orders worth about Rs. 25 lakhs covering about 7,000 titles were booked and preliminary agreements for translation/reprint about 40 titles were negotiated.

(b) (i) Details of the number of Indian books displayed are as under :—

Books displayed at exhibition printed and published in India by the Franfurt Book Fair Authority ..5852

Journals displayed by the Frankfurt Book Fair Authority ..484

Books displayed at the stand hired by National Book Trust..731

Books displayed at the Stands hired by private publishers..3500 (Approx.)

(ii) Composition of the delegation to the Fair was as under:—

Officials .. 6

Officials from autonomous bodies .. 7

Authority at their expense.. 25

Printers and publishers for whom Govt. recommended release of foreign exchange .. 68

Second Rail Link with Pakistan

887. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to establish a second rail link with Pakistan; and